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**GOOCHLAND POWHATAN COMMUNITY SERVICES
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

January 10, 2013

Good Neighbor Community Services
Nationwide Building, Boulders IV
7501 Boulder View Drive
6th Floor Conference Room
Richmond, VA 23225

Minutes

The quarterly meeting of the Goochland Powhatan Local Human Rights Committee met as scheduled at Good Neighbor Community Services. The regular session convened at 9:39 am.

LHRC Members

Present:

Geri Venable, Chair
Vernell Straughter, Vice Chair
Kitty Hardt, Secretary
Brad Burdette

Absent: NA

Human Rights Advocate

Beverly Garnes, Regional Advocate

Guests:

WandaMarie Duke

Affiliates

Present:

Thea Green	Associated Behavioral Outcomes & Developmental Experts of Virginia
Justin Huerkamp	Attachment and Trauma Institute
Allison Meyer	Goochland Powhatan Community Services Board
Ashley Kemnitz	Good Neighbor Community Services
Nancy Waldman-Chaney	Hallmark Youthcare
Pascal Thebaud	Independent Capacity Services
Damon Peterson	Inner-Vision Education Center

Kyle McMahon	Intercept Youth Services
Corey Gilpin	New Direction Outreach Services
Michael Jordan	Next Level Residential Services
Linda Coles	Partnership for Success
Ashley Kemnitz	Virginia Group Homes

Absent:

Royal Care Residential Services

Minutes from the October 9th and 29th 2012 meetings were offered for approval. Spelling correction of Ashley Kemnitz's name was corrected in October 9, 2012 minutes. Minutes were approved with said correction.

Public Comment: None.

Old Business:

Vacancy exists for two consumers. Committee is in dire need of increased participation. Committee is currently out of compliance, and in jeopardy of losing this committee. Chair stated that we need 2 consumer members by the time of our next quarterly meeting. Affiliates discussed their efforts at recruitment. Some barriers mentioned were transportation. Goochland Powhatan CSB and Partnership for Success have potential leads.

New Business:

Chair commends Good Neighbor Community Services for providing refreshments today and meeting space for 2013. Chair requests that all affiliates assist with ongoing support for LHRC. Linda Coles, Partnership for Success, will poll affiliates regarding their interests in supporting the LHRC monetarily or in kind and will report back at the next quarterly meeting. The committee requests refreshments for meetings and would like some compensation for gas/mileage for consumer members. Committee thanks Ms. Coles for her initiative on this issue.

Advocate Report/Updates:

Beverly Garnes discussed the following:

Training will begin this month on the new version of CHRIS (Computerized Human Rights Information System) for reporting allegations of abuse and neglect and human rights complaints by state facilities and community providers. The training must be completed and use must begin by March 5, 2013. Webinars and training modules will be provided on line.

Medication Errors have been required to be reported to Licensure and Human Rights. There will be more guidance coming on when medication errors may be considered neglect.

Human Rights Regulations are in the process of being revised. An expert panel, including consumers and providers, is convening until April to review regulations and particularly, the complaint resolution process. Typically, the review process takes approximately 2 years.

Ms. Garnes advised committee that 4th Quarter Reports for 2012 of Human Rights Activities (Oct. 1-Dec. 31) were due today. Quarterly reports are due by the 5th of the month and the annual report by January 15th. Reports can be faxed or emailed to at least Allison Meyer and Beverly Garnes, but can be sent to all LHRC committee members (not affiliates). If providers are late sending reports or are not in attendance at the committee, then Ms. Garnes will forward to Licensure that provider is out of compliance. Allison Meyer will email Word versions of the quarterly and annual reports.

Policy Reviews:

Independent Capacity Systems needs to contact the Region IV LHRC about their expansion and surveillance policies as the location is in Colonial Heights.

Affiliation Requests: None

Affiliate Reports:

Attachment and Trauma Institute: Justin Huerkamp
No allegations or complaints to report.

Associated Behavioral Outcomes & Developmental Experts of Virginia:

Thea Green

There is one pending complaint that was just reported in the last few days.

Goochland Powhatan Community Services: Allison Meyer

2 allegations of abuse/neglect were reported, and one was founded as neglect by agency. Van driver was reprimanded for leaving consumers unattended on the van; any subsequent report of such will likely result in termination. All drivers were retrained.

Good Neighbor: Ashley Kemnitz
No allegations or complaints to report.

Hallmark Youthcare: Nancy Chaney

Ms. Chaney reported 69 incidents with no injuries and 28 incidents with minor injuries for a total of 99 abuse allegations of neglect (peer-to-peer). All cases were closed as unfounded, and there were no consequences for staff. There were no formal complaints by residents. All informal complaints were resolved. Ms. Chaney submitted amended policies to the LHRC as previously requested.

Independent Capacity Services: Pascal Thebaud

No allegations or complaints to report.

Inner-Vision Education Center: Damon Peterson

Provider is still going through licensing processes. Ms. Garnes requested that provider still send reports.

Intercept Youth Services: Kyle McMahon

No allegations or complaints to report. Licensure conducted a visit on September 11, 2012. There was a citation for not having proper psychiatric coverage. The provider does coordinate with private psychiatrists and has a consulting psychiatrist, so there is a new form for better documentation.

New Direction Outreach Services: Corey Gilpin

No allegations or complaints to report. Provider did not use time out this quarter.

Next Level Residential Services: Michael Jordan

No allegations or complaints to report. Mr. Jordan will submit both quarterly and annual reports today.

Partnership for Success: Linda Coles

No allegations or complaints to report. Provider is discussing membership on the LHRC annually. Provider will contact a consumer who was previously interested in serving on LHRC to assess current interest.

Virginia Group Homes Services: Ashley Kemnitz

No allegations or complaints to report.

Next meeting is 9:30am on 4/11/13 at Good Neighbor Community Services.

The regular meeting adjourned at 10:53am.

Candidate Interview: The LHRC went into closed Executive session at 11:00am to interview a committee applicant and came out of closed session at 11:40am. The committee voted unanimously to recommend the applicant to the SHRC.

The Executive meeting adjourned at 11:51 am

Respectfully Submitted,

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